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MODIFICATION IN CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modify the Sericulture Catalytic Development Programme;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to increase allocation for sericulture sector during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for the development of sericulture in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. During XI Plan, the Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) is being implemented on a project mode in the form of packages mainly under 3 sectors viz. Seed, Cocoon and Post-cocoon sectors supported by the Support Service Sector, in order to benefit all categories of beneficiaries like farmers, reelers & weavers and also to support achieving the targets & objectives of the XI Plan. Within each package, flexibility has been built-in to cater to the specific needs of different seri-zones in the country. The components under CDP are beneficial for both existing and new farmers for practicing sericulture. The State Departments have to identify existing as well as new farmers and offer the components according to their requirements from out of the basket of components. The unit costs of most of the components have been increased in XI Plan, besides reducing the financial burden of beneficiaries and State Governments in Special Status States.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. In so far as sericulture sector is concerned, the allocation approved by the Government of India during X Plan period (2002-07) towards implementation of various central sector/centrally sponsored programmes was Rs.526.99 crores which include Rs.244.47 crores approved for Catalytic Development Programme. Similarly, based on the proposal of CSB for continuation of the aforesaid central sector/centrally sponsored schemes during XI Plan, the Government of India have approved a total outlay of Rs.816.49 crores of which Rs.661.62 crores is meant for implementation of the Catalytic Development Programme. While the percentage of increase in allocation of XI Plan over X Plan for all Schemes of CSB works out to 55%, in respect of Catalytic Development Programme, the increase is 171%.

(e): In addition to implementation of the CDP, the following steps have been/ are being taken by the Government of India through CSB for production of quality silk in the country :-

The Research Institutes of Central Silk Board have developed improved mulberry variety (V1) and silkworm breeds (CSR breeds) backed by a technology package to produce import substitute high quality silk

Central Silk Board has established Silk Conditioning and Testing Houses and supported establishment of Cocoon and Raw Silk Testing Centres to promote production of quality silk

The Research Institutes of Central Silk Board have developed various cost cutting technology packages and also promoted inter cultivation of mulberry/Vanya Silk host plants with other leguminous crops and vegetables to ensure better economical returns to the silk producers at various stages of silk production chain

The Research Institutes of Central Silk Board have developed various technology packages for by-product utilization to support higher returns to the primary producers

Under the Post-Cocoon Sector, support is being provided to the entrepreneurs involved in various activities like reeling, twisting, wet-processing and weaving for setting up of Multi- end reeling/twisting/Shuttle less weaving units, either directly or through the State Sericulture Department

Under the Vanya Silk Sector, the Central Silk Board has developed improved reeling-cum-twisting machine for Tasar and Muga and improved spinning wheel for Eri silk to produce quality silk at affordable price.These devices are being popularized under the Catalytic Developmental Programme.

Under the Product Development Programme new products are being developed and popularized specially in Vanya Silk sector for better value realization.